

At Just The Right Time

"Immanuel: God With Us" Part 1 of 2
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"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes." (1 Corinthians 4:5a, NIV)

I) CHRISTMAS: GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

"But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children. And because you Gentiles have become His children, God sent his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are His child, everything He has belongs to you."
(Galatians 4:4-7, NLT)

God The Father Sent Jesus The Son On Christmas...

1) ...To earth at JUST THE RIGHT TIME.

"[God,] You say, 'I choose the appointed time;' it is I who judge uprightly."
(Psalm 75:2, NIV)

2) ...To help us JUST HOW WE NEEDED IT.

"For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him."
(Ecclesiastes 8:6, NIV)

3) ...To give us BEYOND JUST WHAT WE NEEDED.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to end."
(Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV)

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel— which means, 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:23, NIV)

II) RESPONDING TO GOD AT CHRISTMAS

Our Response To Christmas And God's Timing

1) Live HUMBLY: God will RAISE YOU UP IN DUE TIME.

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7, NIV)

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."
(1 Peter 5:6, NIV)

2) Live HOLY: God will REWARD YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

"The angel replied, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born to you will be holy, and he will be called the son of God...' Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants...'"
(Luke 2:35 & 38, NLT)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
(Galatians 6:9, NIV)

3) Live BY FAITH: God will RESCUE YOU FROM SIN.

"[Simeon] took the child in his arms and praised God saying, 'Lord, now I can die in peace! As you promised me, I have seen the Savior you have given to all people.'" (Luke 2:28-30, NLT)

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly."
(Romans 5:6, NIV)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith— and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."
(Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV & NLT)